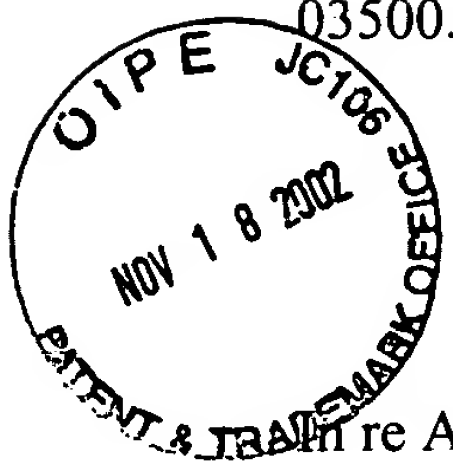


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In re Application of:

MASATO YAMANOBE, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/041,639

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002, for one month from October 18, 2002 to November 18, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified

application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 1, line 9 and ending at line 11, with the following paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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